

FIRES ARE RAGING

Five Forest Fires in Timbers Near This City.

BIG BLAZE AT GRAY'S RIVER

Acres of Timber Being Consumed by Fierce Fire—River Above Tongue Point Enveloped in Smoke—Three Fires Near Saddle Mountain.

No less than five forest fires, some of them apparently serious, are raging within a 50-mile radius of Astoria. The skies yesterday in almost every direction were overcast with great formidable-looking clouds of smoke and from the river the individual fires were easily discernible. Probably the largest fire is in the Grays river region, where Asmus Brix has been logging.

Mr. Brix, who returned yesterday from a trip to South Bend, believes that the fire is not in green timber, but the amount of smoke that emanated from across the river would indicate that the fire is large and possibly eating its way into divers acres of good lumber. To those on the river it appeared that the mouth, hidden by a big bank of fog, was lying a few miles east of Tongue point. From the surface of the river this dense

cloud of smoke rose thousands of feet skyward, completely enveloping the contiguous country.

The other fires are located on this side of the river, three about northeast of Saddle mountain and one in the direction of Nehalem. This last looked to be the largest of the four and may result in serious loss of timber. Considerable smoke was seen to rise from Knappton and some believed a fire was raging there also. The smoke, however, came from a sawdust pile which was fired at the Knappton mill yesterday morning.

PERSONAL MENTION.

A. J. Olsen of Portland was in the city yesterday on business. Mrs. R. G. Pratl and Mrs. C. H. Calender are in Portland attending the fair.

F. D. Everett has returned from his annual vacation.

Mrs. Fred White and Miss White of Cathlamet were in the city yesterday. Mrs. Peterson of Skamokawa was in the city yesterday.

R. B. Magruder of Portland registered at the Parker yesterday.

John C. McCue returned yesterday from a visit to the fair.

Judge C. H. Page went to Knappton yesterday to attend the funeral of the late James Brown.

Norris Staples and wife have returned from a week's visit to Portland and the fair.

O. Mooney of Heppner registered at the Occident yesterday.

J. J. Garvin of La Grande is visiting in the city.

R. L. Mellinger of Los Angeles is registered at the Central.

Fred Brendell and wife of Portland

were guests at the Occident yesterday. Jack Grant of Portland is visiting relatives and friends in Astoria and will remain about a week.

H. S. Brown of Baker City is visiting friends in the city.

C. G. Palmberg hit the Trail in Portland yesterday.

Miss Ruth Garner left for Portland yesterday morning on a visit with friends.

J. C. Higgenbotham and wife of Portland are visiting in the city.

C. L. Hazlett of San Francisco was among the arrivals in the city yesterday. Mail Carrier Gus Fricke left for Portland yesterday on his annual vacation.

C. W. Holmes was a passenger on the up-river train this morning.

W. A. Davidson and wife, Miss Annie E. Davidson and C. L. Davidson of Eureka arrived in the city yesterday on a short visit.

Archie McLean went to Portland yesterday to take in the fair.

Miss Clare Munsen of Skipanon is in the city visiting Mrs. Meglar-Hedrick. P. J. Flynn of Portland was a visitor in the city yesterday.

H. M. Rounds of Warren, Pa., is visiting friends in the city.

Asmus Brix returned yesterday from a trip to South Bend.

L. Samuelson and wife of Hyannis, Neb., are in the city, visiting Mr. Samuelson's brother, J. S. Dellinger.

H. C. Ferris of the Eilers Piano house, Portland, is in the city installing the new pipe organ in the Episcopal church.

NEGROES AND CHINESE CLASH.

Waiters and Cooks at Local Hotel Turn Belligerents.

There was a small riot at the Occident hotel Thursday night. For sev-

eral years the hotel has employed Chinese cooks, claiming that it was impossible to secure competent white cooks. Two weeks ago all the white waiters were discharged and a number of colored waiters brought down from Portland. The colored men had no use for the Chinamen and their objections were claimed that they were there first. War was declared and a scrimmage ensued in which the negroes won out and the Chinamen were put out on the sidewalk. Yesterday Charles Wright went to Portland to secure white or colored cooks and China will have a taste of the recent boycott inaugurated against American products.

STREET COMPLETED.

Contractor W. A. Goodin yesterday completed the improvement of Ninth street from Astor to the waterfront, and it will probably be accepted by the city today. In making the improvement it was necessary to cut off about ten feet of the Sanborn coal warehouse which was standing in the street.

TELEGRAPH'S CAPTAIN.

Skipper Riggs, Formerly of Steamer Chas. R. Spencer Gets Berth.

Yesterday Captain Arthur Riggs, who has been pilot on the steamer Charles R. Spencer, was appointed captain of Telegraph, and assumed his duties yesterday. The steamer will be taken off the ways today, all the repairs having been made, and will come to Astoria next Tuesday, and on Wednesday will take the Elks' excursion to Portland. The Spencer and Telegraph are about evenly matched for speed and a race is being arranged for between the two boats.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

Walter C. Smith and wife to Frank C. Avery, lots 1 and 2, block 5, Smith's Warrenton; consideration, \$725.

United States to Pauline Juntti, 100 acres in section 13, township 3 north, range 8 west; patent.

EPWORTH LEAGUE CONVENTION.

St. Paul, Aug. 11.—Late this afternoon the first meeting of the annual national convention of the German Epworth league was held in the First German Methodist Episcopal church. Rev. H. F. Lange of Walla Walla, Wash., responded to an address of welcome.

INQUIRY BOARD FINISHED.

San Diego, Cal., Aug. 11.—The court of inquiry in the Bennington disaster has completed its investigation and the members will now prepare their report. This will be presented to Admiral Goodrich and by him forwarded to Washington, where, presumably, it will be made public.

REGATTA AT VICTORIA.

James Bay Athletic Associate Four Carriers Pennant.

Victoria, B. C., Aug. 11.—At the regatta of the North Pacific Amateur Athletic association this afternoon the James Bay Athletic association four of Victoria won the junior singles in 9:07, with Vancouver three and a half lengths behind. Nelson was a close third. George Luders of Portland won the junior singles from M. Finlayson of Victoria in 11:15 4-5. Finlayson was capsized.



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Two Piece Suits, made of homespun, Cassimeres, and Worsteds at

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Young Men

We are showing some really artistic patterns in grays and Browns.

These are made right and priced right while they last

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The Dressy Shop for Dressy Men.

Today We Continue Our Big Sale

A CLEAN SWEEP SALE OF REMARKABLE PROPORTIONS

Broken lots, sample lines and high grade merchandise of all descriptions, all go together to make this great sale what we intend it shall be:

A MONUMENTAL MONEY SAVER TO THE PUBLIC

And a boon to every housewife who avails herself of the Bargain News this page foretells. Truck load after truck load of New Autumn Merchandise is crowding in upon us at such a tremendous rate that in order to make room for its reception we had to resort to drastic methods. Read this Ad. Through Carefully and miss not a line. Every article listed here means big savings to those who participate. On the items listed no phone orders will be filled and no sales make except for cash.

Exceptional Bargains in Table Linens, Towels, Etc.

The largest and most complete stock in the city to select from.

45c TABLE DAMASK, 29c.

58-in. Bleached Table Damasks, suitable for every day wear; readily brings 45c yard. For Friday, Saturday and Monday's selling we've marked them, a yard, only .29c

50c AND 60c COLORED DAMASKS, 45c.

64-in. Fast Color Table Damask, in

\$1.50 AND \$1.75 LINEN FOR \$1.19 YD.

Extra Fine Quality Pure Irish Linen Damask in pansy, bowknot and clover leaf design; good value at \$1.75 and exceptional bargain at the price we're asking now a yard, only .81.19

24x24 in. Napkins to Match, per dozen .81.95

Our supply of Table Linen was never so complete as now. If real high grade goods at moderate prices appeal to you you'll take advantage of these reductions.

red, blue and brown; extra heavy and well known for its durability.

A yard, only, during this sale. 45c

This number also comes in bleached.

\$1.25 LINEN DAMASK, 98c.

68-in. Guaranteed All Pure Linen Damask, plain or open worked borders in a dozen neat patterns; well worth the former price of \$1.25.

Exceptional value for three days at, only, a yard .98c

22x22 in. Napkins to match, doz. \$2.95

Choice Pickings Gathered From All Parts of the Store

1,500 yards of Standard Table Oil Cloth; in every desirable color; you choose the pattern; one yard or a 100; during this sale, at only, a yard .15c

1,000 yards of Pure Linen Crash; makes excellent kitchen towels; usually sold at 10c; during this sale, all you want, at, a yard, only .5c

A large assortment of Ladies' Fine Belts; worth up to \$1; while they last your choice for, each, only .39c

150 Sun Bonnets, all that's left; everywhere sold at 25c; every housewife should own one at, each, only .15c

Only a few left of those dainty little town and country shirts; regular price \$2.25 to \$3.00; while

they last your choice, each, only .149

Extra Special—3,000 yards of swiss and cambrie embroideries; all that's left of our recent 10c sale; while they last, your choice, only .5c

25 dozen extra large heavyweight Marcelline Bed-spreads; a bargain at the former price of \$1.75; during this sale they go, one to a customer; at, each, only .81.19

1,250 rolls Cotton Bolts, weigh fully 1-2 lb. each; five from linps and well worth the former price of 15c roll; while they last, per roll .9c

3,500 yards of Torchon, Medicine and Platt Valenciennes Lace and Insertion; from 1 1-2 to 4 inches wide; worth 10c and 15c; your choice, yard, only .5c

Special Values in Lace Curtains

Good news for the women who are preparing to do fall housecleaning.

75c CURTAINS FOR 45c.

Nottingham Curtains, 2 1-2 yards long and 32 inches wide, suitable for small windows in white only. Special Friday, Saturday and Monday, only pair .45c

\$1.25 AND \$1.50 CURTAINS, 98c

An unusually good value, length 3 1-2 yards and width 1 1-4 yards; comes several different designs and well worth the former prices. Choice while they last, now, only .98c

\$2.75 CURTAINS AT \$2.19.

Nottingham Curtains, 3 1-2 yards long and 1 1-2 yards wide, in neat floral designs; overlook edges; easy on laundry; excellent value at the former price. They'll not tarry with us long at the price we've put them at. Pair, only .81.19

\$8.00 BATTENBERG CURTAINS, \$6.95.

Extra Fine Quality Net Curtains, real Battenberg design; well worth the former price and an exceptional bargain at the price we ask you now. A pair only .86.95

A large stock of Portieres and Lace Curtains proportionately reduced.

Basement Bargains.

Specials in Our Crockery Dept.

53-piece Fancy Decorated Semi-Porccelain Dinner Set; an extraordinary offer for those who need tableware; regular \$8 value; while they last one set to a family, at, each, only .85.95

Another large shipment of those dainty little Japanese Cups and Saucers; the \$1.25 kind; on sale Friday, Saturday and Monday, at, per set of six, only .85c

Handsome Crystal Glass Flower Vases; everywhere sold at 25c; in all sizes and 20 different designs, at, each, during this sale, only .15c

Our basement is so full of new things at such attractive prices that a suitable description is not possible in this space. When in the store don't fail to pay this department a visit. You'll find a perfect cavalcade of suitable bargains here to greet you.

Attractive Offerings in our Hardware Dept. Bargains in Pocket Knives.

We have on display in one of our large windows a large assortment of Pocket Knives slightly damaged by fire and water while they were en route to us on the steamship Oregon. Values range from \$1 to \$1.50. While they last, take your pick at, each, only .50c

A SHORT TALK ON CUTLERY.

We are sole agents in Astoria for the celebrated Claus' make of Cutlery, and have a full stock of knives, razors and shears always on hand. Every article (no matter what the price) with the Claus brand on it, is absolutely guaranteed satisfaction or your money back.

Claus Razors .82.50
Claus Shears .35c to \$1.00

SPECIAL NOTICE

We've just received an exceptionally fine assortment of Dress and Street Skirts and in order that we have room to properly display them we offer what's left of our spring and summer line at

ONE THIRD OFF

Professor Gunn, our portrait artist, still holds forth in one of our dry goods windows. His work is attracting a great deal of attention. If you haven't seen him, you'll have to hurry, as he will be with us only a short time.

Special Limited Offer

With every dollar you buy you get a coupon. This coupon and any good photograph entitles you to a fine bust crayon portrait, by paying 87c additional, to cover cost of material used. This offer holds good during this sale.

We Are Agents for Ruberoid Roofing.

Pure Foods and Fruits

Nob Hill Coffee, per lb. .84.00
Empress Spider Leg Tea, per lb. 1.00
Queen Olives, per pint .30
Fancy Sweet Pickles, per pint .15
Imported Swiss Cheese, per lb. .40
Shredded Coconut, per lb. .30
New Process Boiled Ham, per lb. .35
Fancy Large Mackerel, each .40
Sinclair's Fidelity Bacon, per lb. .22
S. & W. Canned Asparagus, per can .30

See Our Early

CRAWFORD PEACHES.

For canning purposes they are unequalled; same as our fine

BARTLETT PEARS.

We carefully examine our fruit before delivery is made, and all who order their fruits here are assured of getting

ONLY THE BEST ON THE MARKET.

Give us your orders early for these fruits so we can reserve the amount you want at such time as they are lowest in price, yet best in quality.

Our Wine Department

We have just imported from Oporto, Portugal and St. Mary, Spain, a shipment of rare old wines, especially for fine family trade. Prices as follows:

Duff Gordon Sherry—Pale, full bodied, Per gallon .84.00
Per bottle .81.00
Offley Port—Dark, full, fruity .84.00
Per gallon .84.00
Per bottle .81.00
The above are the best known and most celebrated brands in the world. These wines are of perfect and reliable purity, unequalled for medicinal and table use. Guaranteed by the growers. Duff Gordon & Co., St. Mary, Spain; Offley Forrester & Co., Oporto, Portugal.

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